

How to Migrate Your Website to a New Host Without Downtime

Step 1: Choose Your New Host First

Sign up with [Hosting.com](#) before canceling your old host. Get your new account ready: [Hosting.com – Exclusive Offer](#)

Step 2: Full Backup

Export your database and download all files (via FTP or cPanel backup). Verify the backup works locally.

Step 3: Reduce TTL (Time to Live)

Lower your DNS TTL to 300 seconds (5 minutes) 48 hours before migration. This speeds up propagation.

Step 4: Upload to New Host + Test

Upload files/database to [Hosting.com](#). Edit your local hosts file to preview the site on the new server without changing DNS publicly.

Step 5: Final DNS Change

Point your domain's A record/Nameservers to [Hosting.com](#). Keep old host active for 48 hours. No downtime.

Free Migration Checklist

The Free Website Launch Checklist includes a full migration section:
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